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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON ZHIVKOV'S TRAVELS

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1. PARTY PAPER "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" OCTOBER 23, CARRIED FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ON ZHIVKOV'S ASIAN TRIP. STATES PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO STRENGTHEN UNITY, FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY OF SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH. THIS IS BULGARIA'S INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND ONE WHICH WAS HIGHLY "APPRAISED" BY THOSE AT MEETING HELD ON CRIMEA LAST SUMMER. IN FURTHER DESCRIBING UNITY AND SOLIDARITY THEME EDITORIAL STATES "GROWING UNITY AND SOLIDARITY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS MAIN TREND IN DEVELOPMENT OF WORL SOCIALIST SYSTEM TODAY. AS COMRADE TODOR
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ZHIVKOV POINTED OUT IN HIS SPEECH AT MEETING OF BUL-

GARIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP AT THE HALL "UNIVERSIADA" ON SEPTEMBER 19, THIS CLEARLY OUTLINED TREND IS NOW PRINCIPAL ASPECT IN DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM. IN ITS FOUNDATION IS NECESSITY FOR DEEPENING OF INTERGRATION PROCESSES AMONG SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AT STAGE OF BUILDING MATURE SOCIALISM".

2. ADDITIONALLY, EDITORIAL PRAISES STEADY FAST POLICY OF KPDR IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ITS CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF COUNTRY, A POLICY WHICH BULGARIA SUPPORTS. ON MONGOLIAN VISIT EDITORIAL MENTIONS SOLIDARITY AND UNITY BUT STRESSES ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

3. COMMENT: ZHIVKOV'S ACTIVITIES WERE MAIN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT NATO MONTHLY MEETING. CONSENSUS WAS THAT ZHIVKOV'S VISITS UNDERTAKEN AT BIDDING OF SOVIETS TO PROMOTE THEME OF UNITY, SOLIDARITY AND FURTHER INTERGRATION ON ONE HAND AND DETENTE ON THE OTHER. VIEW FROM HERE IS THAT AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONFERENCE NOT ACTIVE SUBJECT AND IF RAISED BY ZHIVKOV WILL BE AS PROBE RATHER THAN SUGGESTION. WITH REGARD ZHIVKOV'S TRIP TO IRAQ, HE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN INVITED AND ACCEPTED BUT IRAQI AMBASSADOR HAS COMPLAINED TO TURK THAT BULGARS ARE DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON NAMING DATE FOR VISIT. HE BELIEVES MIDDLE EAST WAR WILL GIVE THEM FURTHER EXCUSE FOR PUTTING OFF VISIT.
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